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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1538**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Cox**

February 23, 2001

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An act to amend Section 12950 of, and to add Section 12950.5 to, the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1538, as amended, Cox. Driving license: digitized signature.

(1) Under existing law, every person licensed under the Vehicle Code is required to write his or her usual signature with pen and ink in the space provided for that purpose on the issued driver's license.

This bill would provide that a signature, as used above, includes a digitized signature. The bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to require digitized signatures on each driver's license.

(2) Under the federal National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1973gg et seq.), each state motor vehicle driver's license application, renewal application, and personal identification document application is required to serve as an application for voter registration with respect to federal elections, unless the applicant fails to sign the voter registration application.

This bill would require the department to provide to the Secretary of State the digitized signature of every person who registers to vote on the voter registration card provided by the department. The bill would also require the department to provide the Secretary of State with change-of-address information for every voter who indicates that he or

she desires to have his or her address changed for voter registration purposes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 12950 of the Vehicle Code is amended  
2 to read:

3 12950. (a) Every person licensed under this code shall write  
4 his or her usual signature with pen and ink in the space provided  
5 for that purpose on the license issued to him or her, immediately  
6 on receipt thereof, and the license is not valid until so signed,  
7 except that if the department issues a form of license which bears  
8 the facsimile signature of the applicant as shown upon the  
9 application, the license is valid even though not so signed.

10 (b) For purposes of subdivision (a), signature includes a ~~digital~~  
11 *digitized* signature.

12 SEC. 2. Section 12950.5 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

13 12950.5. (a) The department shall require digitized  
14 signatures on each driver's license.

15 (b) The department shall provide to the Secretary of State the  
16 digitized signature of every person who registers to vote on the  
17 voter registration card provided by the department.

18 (c) The department shall provide the Secretary of State with  
19 change-of-address information for every voter who indicates that  
20 he or she desires to have his or her address changed for voter  
21 registration purposes.

